(4) THE MADRAS LOCAL AUTHORITIES FINANCE BILL, 1961.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move--

" That leave be granted for the introduction on the Madras Local Authorities Finance Bill, 1961. "

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

" That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Local Authorities Finance Bill, 1961."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

9-30 a.m. (5) THE HOLDINGS (STAY OF EXECUTION PROCEEDINGS) (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL, NO. 24 OF 1961).

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

' That the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1961), be taken into consideration.'

The Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) Act, 1950 (Travancore-Cochin Act VIII of 1950) provides for the stay of proceedings in execution of a decree in a suit for the recovery of possession of a holding, so far as they relate to the delivery of possession of the holding.

The Act was in force in the Kanyakumari district and Shencottah taluk at the time of their transfer to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State in 1956. Consequent on the extension, to the Shencottah taluk, of the cultivating Tenants Protection and Fair Rent Acts by Madras Act 28 of 1959, with effect from 2nd March 1960, the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) Act ceased to be in force in that taluk It is now in force only in the Kanyakumari district.

The life of the Holdings (Stay of Execution) Proceedings Act, 1950 in its application to the Kanyakumari district is due to expire on the 24th September 1961. Pending a decision on the policy to be adopted with regard to the land tenure systems prevalent in that district, it has been decided to extend the life of the Act by two years from the 25th September 1961.

Sir, I commend this motion for the acceptance of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Motion moved—

' That the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1961) be taken into consideration.'

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SRI A. NESAMONY : Sir, I welcome the extension of this Act for a period of two years. I also wish to bring to the notice of the Government that a comprehensive legislation on this subject of eviction of tenants either from registered holdings or other holdings may be brought as early as possible to put an end to the anomaly of the holding stay of execution proceedings in that area. The question of the consideration of the incidents of several evictions that is prevalent in the area are taken by this Government. Legislation is long over due on these matters and especially in the case of Kandi Krishi lands and Sri Pandaravagai lands owned by Sri Padmanabhaswami temple and dues of tiruppuwaram and moniamkaram and all these things should have been taken into consideration and a comprehensive legislation ought to have been introduced in view of the stay of execution proceedings. Sir, within the two years when this will be in force, I believe that the Government will bring in a comprehensive legislation and Government may settle first the question of stay of execution proceedings.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I entirely agree with the views expressed by the hon. Member, who spoke just now. Now we are taking up this question and in taking that measure there were some difficulties especially with regard to tiruppuwaram and moniamkaram. Government are in correspondence both with the ex-Maharaja of Travancore and also with the State Government and we have received some communication. All that are being considered and it has to be a very live issue with the Government and as early as possible necessary steps will be taken for introducing a comprehensive Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

'That the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1961) be taken into consideration.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

'That the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1961), be passed.'

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

'That the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1961), be passed.'

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.